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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

historic name: N/A

other names/site number: 39HN484 (preferred)

2. Location

street/#: Sioux Ranger Dist., Custer N.F. ☒ not for publication

city or town: Ludlow ☒ vicinity

state: South Dakota/code: SD county: Harding/code: 063 zip: 57755

3. State/Federal Agency Certification


As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination
request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register
of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally
☐ statewide ☐ locally.


Signature of certifying official/Title

11/17/93
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria.


Signature of certifying official/Title

1/5/94
Date

Federal Preservation Officer

Forest Service

State or Federal agency and bureau

Name of Property: 39HN484

County and State: Harding Co., SD

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

☒ entered in the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet

☐ determined eligible for the National Register
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☐ other (explain) _____

for Signature of the Keeper
Edson H. Beall

Date of Action

Entered in the
National Register

3/7/94

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

☐ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☒ public-Federal

Category of Property

☐ building(s)
☐ district
☒ site
☐ structure
☐ object

No. of Resources within the Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
_____	_____ buildings
<u>1</u>	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register: 0

Prehistoric Rock Art of South Dakota

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

RELIGION/ceremonial site

REC. AND CULTURE/work of art

Current Functions

AGRICULTURE/field

LANDSCAPE/forest

REC. & CULTURE/outdoor rec.

7. Description

Architectural Classification: N/A

Materials: N/A

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable NRHP Criteria

☐ A

☐ B

☐ C

☒ D

Areas of Significance

ARCHEOLOGY/Prehistoric

ETHNIC HERITAGE/Native American

Period of Significance

A.D. 900 - 1750

Criteria Considerations

☐ A Religious property

☐ B Moved

☐ C Birthplace or grave

☐ D Cemetery

☐ E Reconstructed

☐ F Commemorative

☐ G Less than 50 yrs old

Significant Dates

Significant Person

Cultural Affiliation

Late Prehistoric

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

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☒ State Historic Preservation Office

☒ Other State agency

☐ Federal agency

☐ Local government

☐ University

☐ Other

Name of repository: South Dakota Archaeological Research Center, Rapid City

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: <1 acre *1.25*

UTM References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
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Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Linea Sundstrom (private consultant)

organization: N/A

date: 2/25/93

street & number: 1320 E. Lake Bluff Blvd. phone: (414)963-0288

city or town: Shorewood state: WI zip code: 53211

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

USGS map indicating the property's location: Ludlow

Sketch map for historic districts, etc.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

name: Custer National Forest

street & number: P.O. Box 2556 telephone: (406) 657-6361

city or town: Billings state: MT zip code: 59103

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39HN484
Harding Co., SD

Description

This small site consists of two panels of rock art on and near a projecting rimrock cliff between two major draws. The site area is vegetated by a mix of shrubs, pine, and hardwood trees. The first panel is at the back of a collapsed rockshelter, behind the rubble cone left when the shelter ceiling collapsed. It contains an incised featherlike design. It also contains recent graffiti in the form of a set of initials, a date, a loop or fish design, and a spiderlike design. The other panel consists of a single incised bear-paw in a small rockshelter about 30 meters north of the collapsed shelter.

Significance

Site 39HN484 is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D for its potential ability to yield information about prehistoric art and ideology. Rock art at the site comprises typical Incised Tradition motifs, dated to the Late Prehistoric period. Although small, these two rockshelters contain recognizable Incised tradition rock art and thus add to our knowledge of this aspect of area prehistory. The feather-like design occurs at many Late Prehistoric rock art sites and probably was intended to convey a specific pictographic meaning, such as a count or tally. Its occurrence as an isolated motif is somewhat unusual and may be a key to understanding its specific meaning. The bear-track motif is widespread, occurring throughout much of the western Great Plains and the Great Basin. Its presence suggests some cultural interaction between these two areas. Under the South Dakota historical preservation plan, the property relates to the context labeled: 1. Pre-Sioux Habitation.

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Bibliography

Sundstrom, Linea, 1993, *Fragile Heritage: Prehistoric Rock Art of South Dakota*, South Dakota Historical Preservation Center, Vermillion.

Verbal Boundary Description

The property includes a rimrock cliff exposure containing one collapse and one intact rockshelter. The exposure extends 80 meters in a north-south direction. The area extending 15 meters directly in front of (west of) the rock art bearing exposure is also included in the property.

Boundary Justification

The boundary is intended to encompass all rock art bearing rock exposures, as well as the probable extent of associated buried archaeological deposits. It includes both rockshelters, as well as the intervening area.

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List of Photographs

All negatives are stored at the South Dakota State Historical Preservation Office, Vermillion, S.D., project #46-92-70138.006
All photographs were taken by Glen Fredlund and Linea Sundstrom, private consultants.

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39HN484	8/6/92	site view, facing south		219
39HN484	8/6/92	rock art, facing southeast		220

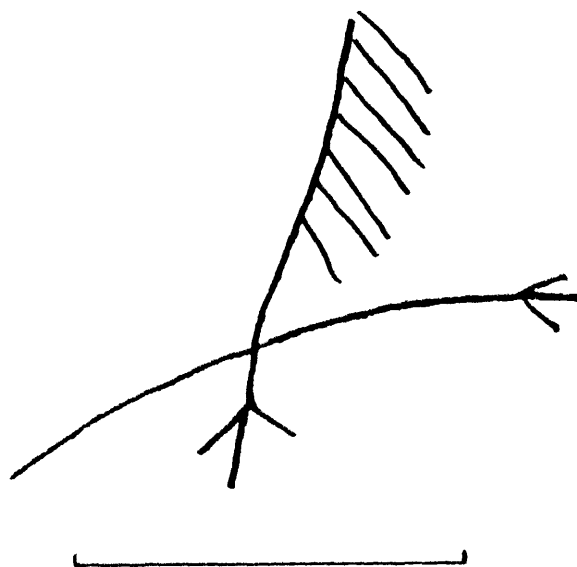
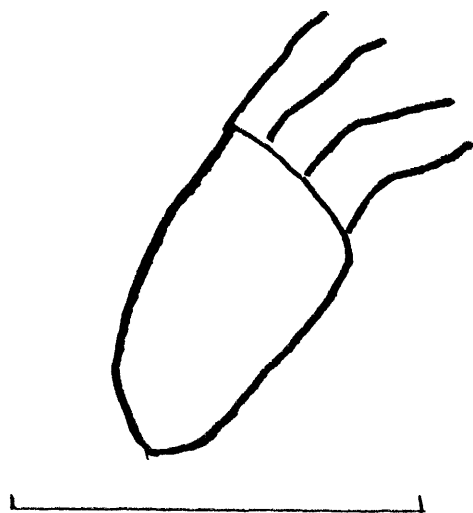


Figure 1. Incised panels from 39HN484; scale bars indicate 20 cm.

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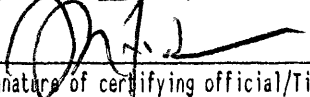
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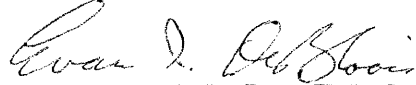
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